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In re Application of :  
Oosaka et al. :  
Application No. 09/842,984 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: 13 June, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. Q64236 :

This is a decision on the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.182 on 18 July, 2001.

The petition is granted.

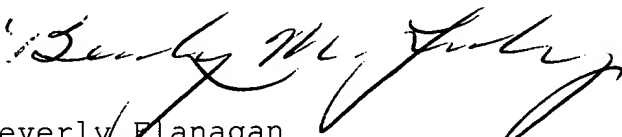
The present application was deposited on 27 April, 2001, as a division of Application No. 09/417,364, and including a preliminary amendment which canceled all of the claims. Accordingly, a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was mailed, stating that a filing date had not been accorded because the specification did not include at least one claim. In response, on 13 June, 2001, petitioners submitted a preliminary amendment which added one claim.

Petitioners request that the declaration from the prior application be accepted in lieu of a new oath or declaration.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d), the oath or declaration from the prior application is accepted. It is noted that petitioners supplied a copy of the declaration with the application papers received on 27 April, 2001.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of 13 June, 2001.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (703) 308-6918.

  
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